



Havre Job Service Employers' Committee
Regular Meeting
February 10, 2005

Members Present:

Kati Purkett
Bill Nault
Gail Rainey

Job Service Staff Present:

Barry Remus, JSEC Coordinator

Members Absent:

Jennifer Hofer
Dolores Plumage
Darrel Hannum
Wendy Lynn Gerky
Mona Ojeda
Cathy Jamruszka
Sylvia Murray
Penney Bergren
Mike Hamilton

Guests:

Due to the low number of members who could attend this meeting our Day care Speakers were postponed until March 10.

What's New at Job Service? Not much – Carol is at meeting in Helena and Pam is at the Bear Paw Development Board meeting

Treasurer's Report: \$511.61

New Membership: No new prospective members present. Gail talked to one of Hill County Electric's board member from Liberty County and the only suggestion he had was Don Marble. Will discuss again next meeting.

Committee Meeting Reports:

Promotion of Job Service & JSEC to Youth – Cathy, Wendy, Sylvia, & Barry - A meeting was held February 9 at 11:30 at Job Service. They are looking into doing something with Jobs for Montana Graduates and will invite the local director to speak at their next committee meeting.

Seminar – Bill, Wendy, Delores, & Barry: The survey results have been compiled. We only received 18 responses. The committee will meet to discuss the results. *Wendy and Delores have a copy of the survey enclosed.*

Employer Tool Kit – Darrel, Bill, Cathy & Barry: They continue to meet and review material.

Legislative Update: Barry reviewed the following bills from the legislature House Bill 228: mandatory employee break time – had a hearing no action taken yet, House Bill 202: revise payroll processing for terminating employees – tabled in committee, and Senate Bill 78: increase minimum wage – been

transmitted to the House amended to minimum wage being \$6.25 per hour. Also reviewed were house Bill 159: revise unemployment insurance laws, one section would protect the Employment Security Account from diversions away from its intended use and House Bill 2: funding allocations for all state departments. *See enclosed information sheets from the Workforce Service Division.* One other bill that was passed out was House Bill 589 which would take control of some programs, including Job Service, from the governor and give it to Workforce Boards. *Copy enclosed.* Also you can view these bills online and contact legislative members at <http://leg.state.mt.us/css/bills/>

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY MARCH 10, 2004 AT 11:30AM AT JOB SERVICE.